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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. I CALLED ON SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON  
APRIL 29 TO DISCUSS RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.  
I REVIEWED TRAGIC PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES AND OUTLINED  
STEPS BEING TAKEN BY U.S. TO MEET THIS HUMAN PROBLEM.  
I POINT OUT THAT WE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE MAJOR  
INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, WHO WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN  
ALL PHASES OF THE RESETTLEMENT EFFORT. I SAID WE  
EXPECT THAT THESE AGENCIES WILL BE APPROACHING THE  
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE ITS WILLINGNESS TO  
HELP. AND I WISHED TO EXPRESS THE HOPE OF THE USG THAT  
SWEDEN, WITH ITS LONG HUMANITARIAN TRADITION, WOULD ACCEPT A  
LARGE NUMBER OF SUCH REFUGEES.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT THE GOS HAD THAT VERY  
DAY RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
ON THIS QUESTION. THE GOS, HE CONTINUED, WILL STUDY  
THE PROBLEM CAREFULLY. SINCE THE APPROACH BY THE WCC  
HAD BEEN MADE ONLY THAT DAY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID,  
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THE GOS HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO CONSIDER THE MATTER.

HOWEVER, HE WENT ON, AS AN INITIAL REACTION HE COULD SAY THAT THERE WOULD BE "SOME DIFFICULTIES" FOR SWEDEN TO ACCEPT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. WHEN I PROFESSED MYSELF SURPRISED AT HIS STATEMENT, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED THAT THE GOS WOULD HAVE TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER HOW SWEDISH OPINION WOULD REACT IF LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM WERE RECEIVED IN SWEDEN. ANDERSSON SAID THE GOS WOULD NOT WISH TO RECEIVE REFUGEES WHO WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES TO ADJUST, ADDING THAT THERE HAD BEEN EARLIER CASES OF REFUGEES WITH DIFFERING POLITICAL VIEWS FROM A "CERTAIN COUNTRY" WHO HAD CAUSED SERIOUS PROBLEMS, "EVEN MURDER" AFTER THEIR ADMITTANCE. OF COURSE, HE ADDED, THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE THE CASE WITH THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, SINCE THERE ARE NO NORTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HERE WITH WHOM THEY WOULD CLASH.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONFER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS OTHER MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEE MATERS. THE GOS, HE CONTINUED, WILL CONSIDER THE MATTER SERIOUSLY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOS HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. HOWEVER, HE AGAIN POINTED OUT THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY WITH SWEDISH YOUNG PEOPLE "WHO HOLD CERTAIN VIEWS."

4. WHEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD FINISHED, I POINTED OUT THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE REFUGEES WERE VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THEIR CONTROL. THEY REPRESENT A CROSS SECTION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOCIETY, INNOCENT PEOPLE CAUGHT UP IN THE CROSS FIRE OF WAR, INCLUDING TEACHERS, CIVIL SERVANTS, SMALL SHOPKEEPERS, FARMERS, ETC. I SAID I WOULD BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GOS TO OFFER ANY INFORMATION THAT I COULD ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE REFUGEES.

5. I POINTED OUT THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO SHOULDER THE MAJOR BURDEN OF RECEIVING THE REFUGEES, AND WE ARE INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT INVOLVING FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. BUT WE HOPE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH TRADITIONS OF HELP TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN

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THEMSELVES, WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THIS GREAT TRAGEDY.

6. COMMENT: THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S INITIAL REACTION TO MY APPROACH WAS NOT ENCOURAGING. WHILE I HOPE THAT ON REFLECTION THE GOS WILL SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO RESPONDING TO THIS HUMAN TRAGEDY, I CANNOT BE SANGUINE THAT, IN VIEW OF ITS APPARENT CONCERN ABOUT THE ATTITUDES OF THE SWEDISH PUBLIC ON THIS ISSUE, IT WILL DO SO.

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